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FEATURE ARTICLE 1: SCHOOL AGE POPULATION WITHIN THE ACT

As the population grows in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), the age profile is also changing. For a number of years both the number and proportion of young people have been falling. However, projections indicate that while the proportion of young people in the ACT will continue to fall, their actual numbers are projected to increase. To highlight this issue, this article will focus on the demographics of the Primary school age group (people aged 5 to 12 years) and the Secondary school age group (people aged 13 to 18 years) broken down by Statistical Subdivision (SSD). Population projections, using 2006 as the base year, will indicate the projected year in which the population is likely to surpass the levels of 30 June 1999 for each age group. The number of births registered in the ACT by SSD will provide an indication of which areas are likely to grow.

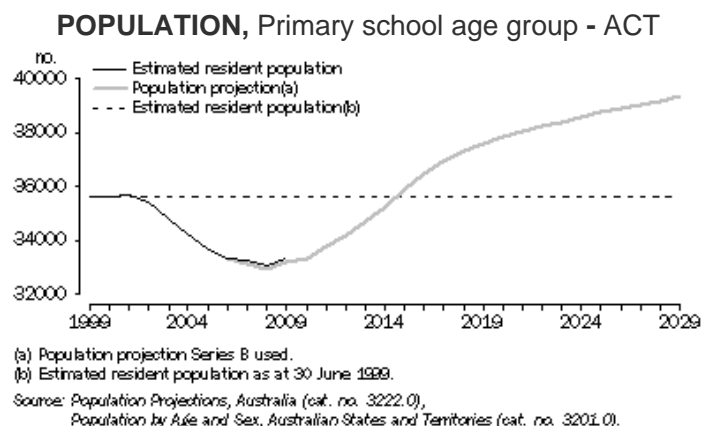
Demographics of Primary school age group within the ACT

At 30 June 2009, the estimated resident population of the ACT Primary school age group was 33,300 people, a decrease of 900 (-2.6%) since 30 June 2004. In the five years to June 2009, the Primary school age group has declined an average of 0.5% per year, compared to an average annual increase

of 1.7% for the total ACT population.

At 30 June 2009, the Primary school age group made up 9.5% of the total population for ACT. This was lower than the national proportion of 10.0%.

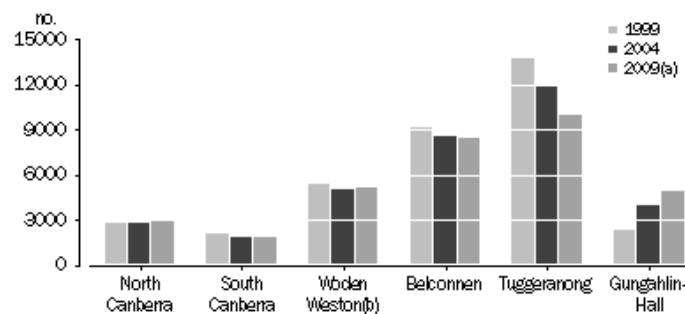
Using Series B (Footnote 1) to project the population of people in the Primary school age group, 2008 is the projected low and this age group is projected to increase each year after. From 2007-09, the estimated resident population is slightly higher than the projected population. Population projections, with base year from 2006, are not expected to reach the equivalent estimated resident population of 30 June 1999 until 2015.



In the five years to 30 June 2009, the population of the Primary school age group of Gungahlin-Hall SSD grew by 1,000 people, North Canberra SSD by 200 and Woden Weston SSD by 100, while Tuggeranong SSD fell by 2,000 people and Belconnen SSD by 100. Gungahlin-Hall SSD had the highest average annual growth of 4.6% for the five years to June 2009, while Tuggeranong SSD decreased by 3.5% on average per year.

For 30 June 2009, Tuggeranong SSD (30.0%) had the largest proportion of people in the Primary school age group in the ACT. This was followed by Belconnen SSD (25.3%), Woden Weston SSD (15.5%), Gungahlin-Hall SSD (14.9%), North Canberra SSD (8.9%) and South Canberra SSD (5.4%). Tuggeranong SSD (38.6%) had largest proportion of Primary school age group in the ACT as at June 1999. Followed by Belconnen SSD (25.9%), Woden Weston SSD (15.2%), North Canberra SSD (7.9%), Gungahlin-Hall SSD (6.6%) and South Canberra SSD (5.7%).

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Primary school age group - ACT: By SSD



(a) Preliminary estimates.

(b) Woden Weston consists of Woden Valley and Weston Creek-Stromlo SSDs.

Source: Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia (cat. no. 3235.0).

Some quick facts on the Primary school age group for each SSD in the ACT:

- North Canberra's population fluctuated between 2,800 and 3,000 people from 1999 to 2009.
- South Canberra's population decreased by 200 people from 1999 to 2009.
- Woden Weston's population reached a ten year low in 2005 before growth from 2006.
- Belconnen's population decreased each year from 2000 to 2006 before growth from 2007.
- Tuggeranong's population decreased each year from 1999 to 2009.
- Gungahlin-Hall's population increased each year from 1999 to 2009.

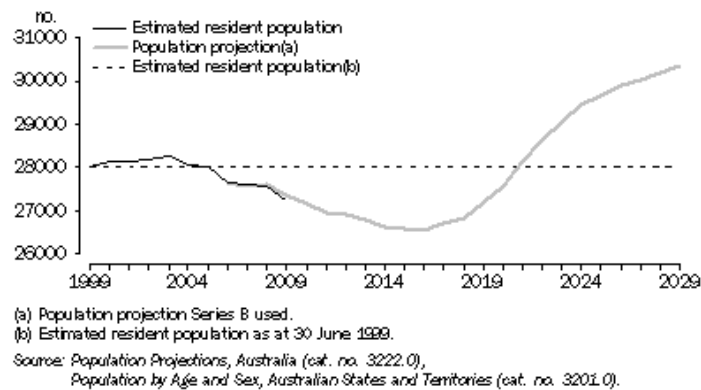
Demographics of Secondary school age group within the ACT

At 30 June 2009, the ACT Secondary school age group numbered 27,200 people, a decrease of 800 (-2.8%) since 30 June 2004. Between June 2004 and 2009, the population in this age group decreased by an average of 0.6% per year. In comparison, the ACT total population increased 1.7% on average per year over this period.

At 30 June 2009, the Secondary school age group made up 7.7% of the total population of the ACT. This was lower than the national proportion of 8.0%.

Using Series B (Footnote 1), the population of the Secondary school age group is projected to continue in decrease to a low in 2016. From 2007-09, the estimated resident population is slightly lower than projected population estimates. Population projections are not expected to reach the equivalent estimated resident population of 30 June 1999 until 2021.

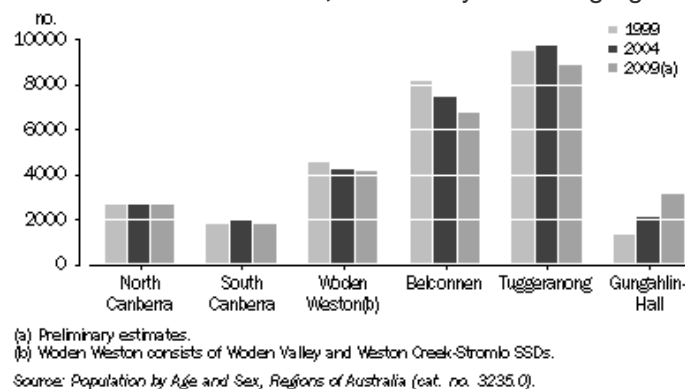
POPULATION, Secondary school age group - ACT



In the five years to 30 June 2009, the population of the Secondary school age group of Gungahlin-Hall SSD grew by 1,000 people, while Tuggeranong SSD fell by 900 people, Belconnen SSD fell by 700, Woden Weston SSD fell by 100 and South Canberra SSD by 100. North Canberra SSD remained the unchanged. Gungahlin-Hall SSD had the highest average annual growth of 8.3% for the five years to June 2009, while both Tuggeranong SSD and Belconnen SSD decreased by 1.9% on average per year.

As at 30 June 2009, Tuggeranong SSD (32.5%) had the largest proportion of people of Secondary school age group in the ACT. This was followed by Belconnen SSD (24.8%), Woden Weston SSD (15.2%), Gungahlin-Hall SSD (11.4%), North Canberra SSD (9.6%) and South Canberra SSD (6.5%). Tuggeranong SSD (33.9%) had the largest proportion of people of the Secondary school age group in the ACT as at 30 June 1999. This was followed by Belconnen SSD (29.2%), Woden Weston SSD (16.2%), North Canberra SSD (9.4%), South Canberra SSD (6.5%) and Gungahlin-Hall SSD (4.7%).

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Secondary school age group - ACT: By SSD

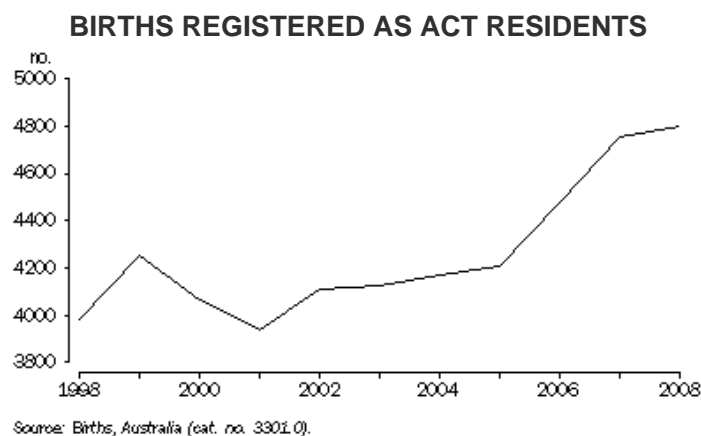


Some quick facts on the Secondary school age group for each SSD in the ACT:

- Both North Canberra's and South Canberra's population remained steady.
- Both Woden Weston's and Belconnen's population has steadily decreased since 1999.
- Tuggeranong's population went through a period of growth reaching a high in 2003 before a steadily declining.
- Gungahlin-Hall's population continues to grow at a steady rate.

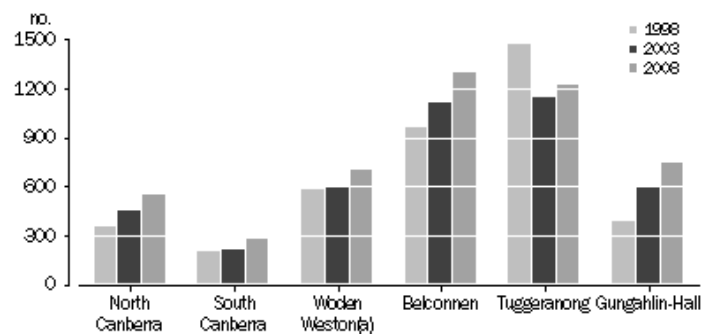
Births registered as ACT residents

In 1998, there were 4,000 births registered as ACT residents. Between 1998 and 2005, ACT resident births have fluctuated between 3,900 and 4,200 births registered each year. Since 2005, the numbers of births have increased to reach a high of 4,800 births in 2008.



Between 1998 and 2008, Gungahlin-Hall (+90.9%) had the largest increase in births, which is related to the growth in the population of the SSD and the number of women of reproductive-age. North Canberra (+54.6%), South Canberra (+40.3%), Belconnen (+33.7%) and Woden Weston (+20.3%) also had increases, while Tuggeranong (-17.1%) decreased.

BIRTHS REGISTERED AS REMAINDER ACT RESIDENTS, By SSD



(a) Woden Weston consists of Woden Valley and Weston Creek-Stromlo SSDs.

Source: Births, Australia (cat. no. 3301.0), ABS data available on request, Births collection.

Some quick facts on the births for each SSD in the ACT:

- Births of North Canberra residents increased gradually since 2000.
- Births of South Canberra residents remained steady over the period from 1998 to 2005 before increasing to a ten year high in 2008.
- Births of Woden Weston residents remained steady over the period from 1998 to 2008.
- Births of Belconnen residents were steady between 1998 and 2004 but had risen in recent years before declining in 2008.
- Births of Tuggeranong residents had been steadily declining till 2005 but have since increased.
- Births of Gungahlin-Hall residents have continued to grow at a steady rate.

Looking forward

While demographics of the younger population are changing throughout the ACT, the numbers of both primary and secondary aged group is projected to increase beyond the levels of 10 years ago. Established SSDs, such as North and South Canberra, are remaining steady while Tuggeranong and Belconnen are experiencing declines. The demographics of the younger population in the ACT will continue to change with the introduction of more and more suburbs being developed. The ACT population, with an average annual growth of 1.6% for the previous year to June 2009, will continue to grow. 'This growth has had a positive effect on the ACT's economy and share of the Commonwealth Grants Commission funding, but it has outlined the population increase will place increased pressure on housing supply, health services and other infrastructure. The ACT Government is taking the recent population growth, and the rate of regional population projections and is working to identify the elements of the regional economic catchment.' (End Note 1) What will be interesting to see is how the estimated resident population of the younger population evolves over time.

Please note

1. Population estimates up to 2006 are final, estimates for June 2007 and June 2008 are revised and estimates for June 2009 are preliminary.
2. For the purposes of this article, Woden Weston SSD is the combination of the Woden Valley and Weston Creek-Stromlo SSDs.

End Note

1. [The Canberra Plan: Towards our Second Century, Chief Minister's Department, Page 17](#)

Footnote

1. Series B largely reflects current 2006-07 trends in fertility, life expectancy at birth, net overseas migration and net interstate migration.

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FEATURE ARTICLE 2: SCHOOL AGE POPULATION WITHIN THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL REGION

As the economic centre of the Australian Capital Region (ACR), ACT is impacted on by the changing demographic profile in the region. As the population grows in the ACR, the estimated resident population of the younger population is in decline. It was highlighted in the first feature article that the younger population has decreased in the ACT. This article will analyse the younger estimated resident population of the ACR and further analyse the NSW Statistical subdivisions (SSD) within the ACR. Analysis of the younger population will be broken down into two categories, Primary school age group (people aged 5 to 12 years) and Secondary school age group (people aged 13 to 18 years) by Statistical subdivision. The number of births registered in the NSW SSDs within the ACR will provide an indication of which areas are likely to grow.

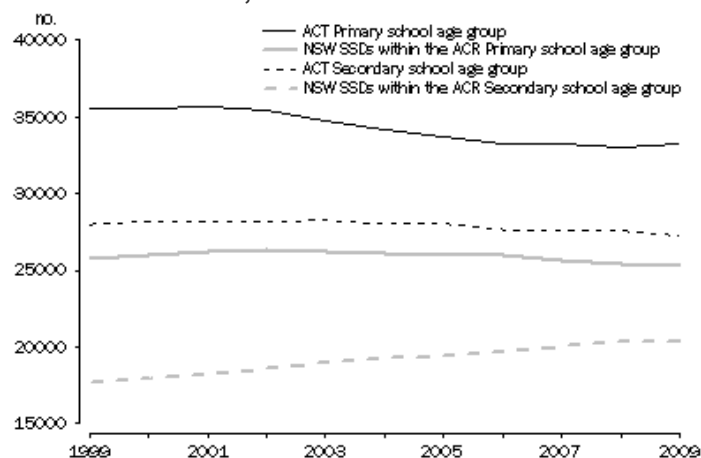
Younger population within the ACR

In the five years to 30 June 2009, the Primary school age group in the ACR decreased by an average of 0.5%, while the Secondary school age group grew by 0.1% on average per year since 30 June 2004.

At 30 June 2009, the estimated resident population of the ACR Primary school age group was 58,700 people, down 1,600 people (-2.7%) since 30 June 2004. Since June 2004, the Primary school age group has declined by an average of 0.5% per year, compared to the total ACR population (up 1.4%). At 30 June 2009, the Primary school age group made up 9.9% of the total population for ACR. This was just lower than the national proportion of 10.0%.

At 30 June 2009, the estimated resident population of the ACR Secondary school age group was 47,500 people, up 200 people (+0.5%, or +0.1% per year on average) since 30 June 2004. Over the same period, the total ACR population increased by an average of 1.4% per year. At 30 June 2009, the Secondary school age group made up 8.0% of the total population for ACR. This was equal to the national proportion.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, ACT and NSW SSDs within the ACR - School age groups



Source: Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories (cat. no. 3201.0).

Demographics of Primary school age group in the NSW SSDs within the ACR

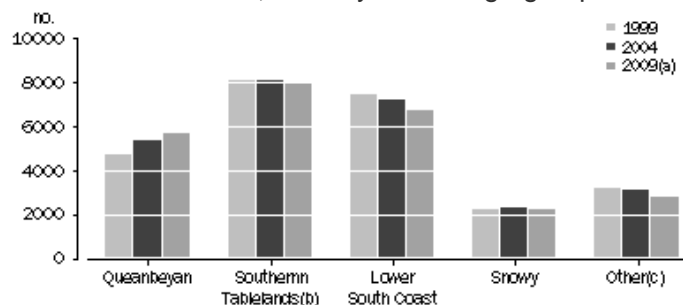
At 30 June 2009, the estimated resident population of Primary school age group of NSW SSDs within the ACR was 25,300 people, a decrease of 700 (-2.8%) since 30 June 2004. Population in this age group has declined by an average of 0.6% per year from June 2004 to June 2009. For the same period, the total population of NSW SSDs within the ACR has increased by 1.3% on average per year.

At 30 June 2009, the Primary school age group made up 10.4% of the total population of NSW SSDs within the ACR. This was higher than both the ACT (9.5%) and the national proportion (10.0%).

In the five years to 30 June 2009, the population of Queanbeyan SSD grew by 300 people, while Lower South Coast SSD fell by 500 people, Other SSD fell by 300 and Southern Tablelands SSD fell by 200. Snowy SSD remained unchanged. Queanbeyan SSD had the highest average annual growth of 0.9% for the five years to June 2009, while the Other SSD decreased by 2.0% per year on average.

As at 30 June 2009, Southern Tablelands SSD (31.2%) had the largest proportion of Primary school age group of the NSW SSDs within the ACR, followed by Lower South Coast SSD (26.6%), Queanbeyan SSD (22.4%), Other SSD (11.0%), and Snowy SSD (8.9%). As at 30 June 1999, Southern Tablelands SSD (31.4%) had largest proportion of Primary school age group of the NSW SSDs within the ACR, followed by Lower South Coast SSD (26.6%), Queanbeyan SSD (18.4%), Other SSD (12.5%), and Snowy SSD (8.8%).

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Primary school age group - NSW SSDs within the ACR



(a) Preliminary estimates.

(b) Excludes Queanbeyan.

(c) Other SSD consists of the LGAs of Cootamundra (A), Gundagai (A), Tumut Shire (A) and Tumbarumba (A).

Source: Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia (cat. no. 3235.0).

Some quick facts on the Primary school age group for each NSW SSD within the ACR:

- Queanbeyan's population grew at a steady rate.
- Southern Tablelands' and Snowy's population remained steady from 1999 to 2009.
- Lower South Coast's population has decreased each year from 2000.
- Other population has decreased each year since 1999.

Demographics of Secondary school age group of the NSW SSD within the ACR

At 30 June 2009, the estimated resident population of the Secondary school age group of NSW SSDs within the ACR was 20,300 people, an increase of 1,000 (+5.4%) since 30 June 2004. This represents an annual average growth rate of 1.1%. In comparison, the average annual rate of growth for the total population of NSW SSDs within the ACR was 1.3%.

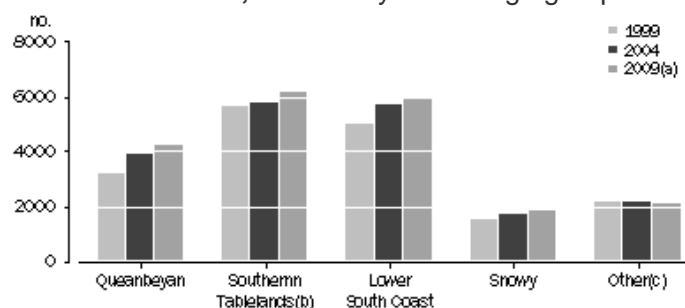
At 30 June 2009, the Secondary school age group made up 8.3% of the total population for Remainder

ACR. This was higher than both the ACT (7.7%) and the national proportion (8.0%).

In the five years to 30 June 2009, the population of Southern Tablelands SSD grew by 400 people. Queanbeyan SSD grew by 300, Lower South Coast SSD by 300 and Snowy SSD by 200, while Other SSD fell by 100 people. Snowy SSD had the highest average annual growth of 1.8% for the five years to June 2009, while Other SSD decreased by 0.9% on average per year for the same period.

For 30 June 2009, Southern Tablelands SSD (30.4%) had the largest proportion of Secondary school age group in the ACR remainder. This was followed by Lower South Coast SSD (29.4%), Queanbeyan SSD (20.9%), Other SSD (10.3%), and Snowy SSD (9.2%). Southern Tablelands SSD (32.1%) also had largest proportion of Secondary school age group of NSW SSDs within the ACR at 30 June 1999, followed by Lower South Coast SSD (28.4%), Queanbeyan SSD (18.3%), Other SSD (12.4%), and Snowy SSD (8.8%).

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Secondary school age group - NSW SSDs within the ACR



(a) Preliminary estimates.

(b) Excludes Queanbeyan.

(c) Other SSD consists of the LGAs of Cootamundra (A), Gundagai (A), Tumut Shire (A) and Tumbarumba (A).

Source: Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia (cat. no. 3235.0).

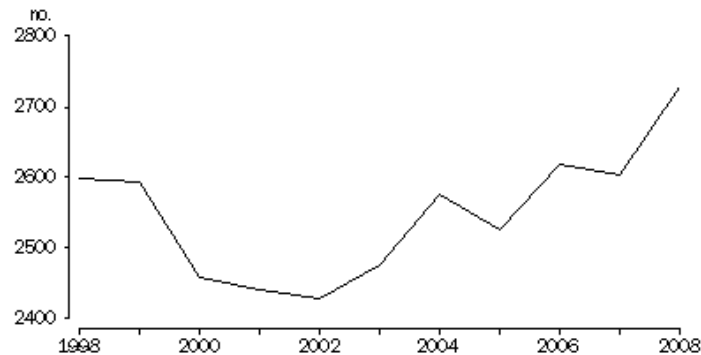
Some quick facts on the Secondary school age group for each NSW SSD within the ACR:

- The populations in Queanbeyan, Lower South Coast and Snowy all increased between 1999 and 2009.
- Southern Tablelands' population fluctuated between 5,600 and 5,800 from 1999 and 2005 but increased each year after.
- Other SSD population fluctuated between 2,100 and 2,200 between 1999 and 2009.

Births in the Remainder ACR

In 1998, there were 2,600 births registered as NSW SSDs residents within the ACR. Over time from 1998 to 2008, births of NSW SSDs within the ACR reached a low of 2,400 in 2002. In 2008, the number of NSW SSDs residents within the ACR born was 2,700.

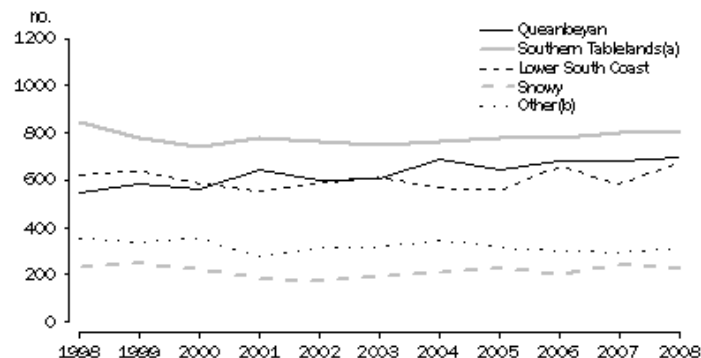
BIRTHS REGISTERED AS NSW RESIDENTS WITHIN THE ACR



Source: Births, Australia (cat. no. 3301.0).

Between 1998 and 2008, Queanbeyan SSD (+28.0%) had the largest increase in births. Lower South Coast SSD (+8.5%) was the only other SSD to record an increase, while the Other SSD (-11.6%), Southern Tablelands SSD (-3.9%) and the Snowy SSD (-1.3%) all decreased.

BIRTHS REGISTERED AS NSW RESIDENTS WITHIN THE ACR, By SSD



(a) Excludes Queanbeyan.

(b) Other SSD consists of the LGAs of Cootamundra (A), Gundagai (A), Tumut Shire (A) and Tumbarumba (A).

Source: Births, Australia (cat. no. 3301.0), ABS data available on request, Births collection.

Some quick facts on the births for each NSW SSD within the ACR:

- Births of Queanbeyan residents steadily increased between 1998 and 2008
- Births of Southern Tablelands residents steadily increased between 2004 and 2008
- Births of Lower South Coast residents have fluctuated year-to-year but increased overall between 1998 and 2008
- Births of Snowy residents remained steady between 1998 and 2008
- Births of the Other residents of the ACR have steadily decreased between 1998 and 2008

Looking Forward

Population increases are prevalent in areas just outside the ACT for both Primary and Secondary school age groups and in Lower South Coast and Snowy for the Secondary school age group. Increases in areas just outside the ACT could be due to families seeking more affordable housing and lower living expenses, while Lower South Coast and Snowy's large increases could be due to opportunities of the seasonal occupations. Queanbeyan had the largest average annual growth of 1.2% for the five years to June 2009 for school age population for SSDs outside the ACT and is only surpassed by Gungahlin (average annual growth of 5.3% for the five years to June 2009) terms of growth for the ACR.

Please note

1. Population estimates up to 2006 are final, estimates for June 2007 and June 2008 have been revised and estimates for June 2009 are preliminary.
2. For the purposes of this article, the Other SSD consists of the Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Cootamundra (A), Gundagai (A), Tumut Shire (A) and Tumbarumba (A).

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

		Mar Qtr 2009	Jun Qtr 2009	Sep Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009
Australian Capital Territory(a)					
Estimated resident population	psns	p350 910	p352 189	p353 626	p354 892
Change from previous quarter	%	..	p0.4	p0.4	p0.4
Australia(b)					
Estimated resident population	psns	p21 859 477	p21 955 256	p22 065 671	p22 155 429
Change from previous quarter	%	..	p0.4	p0.5	p0.4

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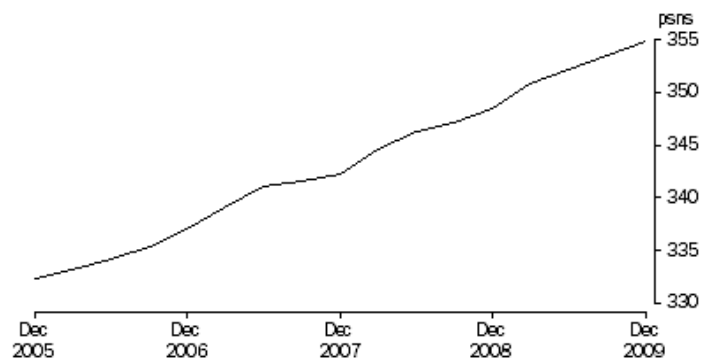
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(a) Excludes Jervis Bay Territory.

(b) Includes 'Other Territories'.

Source: [Australian Demographic Statistics](#) (cat. no. 3101.0).

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Australian Capital Territory



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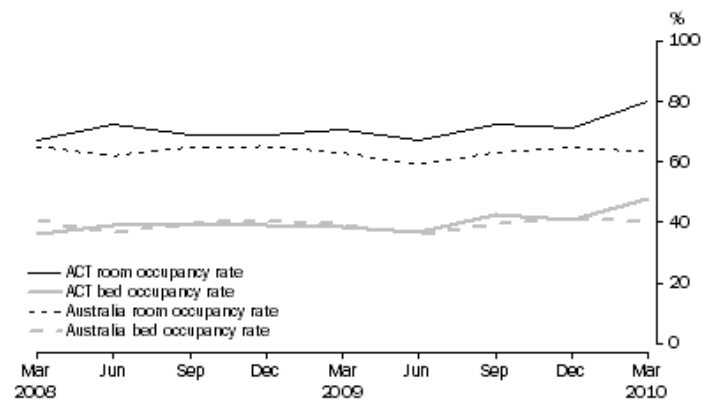
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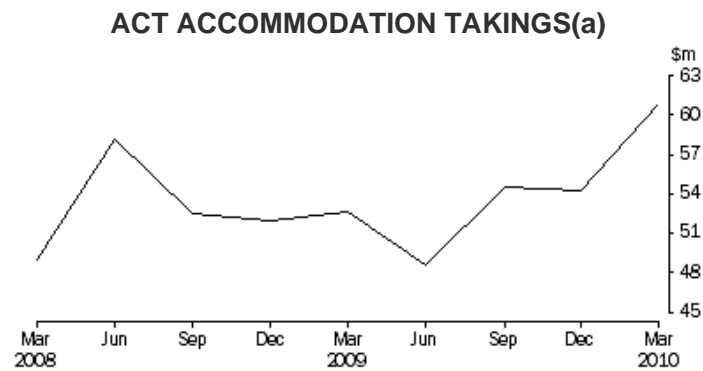
		Jun Qtr 2009	Sep Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010
Australian Capital Territory					
Establishments	no.	56	56	55	54
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	48 632	54 502	54 317	60 812
Room occupancy rate	%	67.5	72.6	71.7	80.2
Australia					
Establishments	no.	4 292	4 301	4 310	4 295
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	1 739 272	1 930 613	2 030 540	1 973 969
Room occupancy rate	%	59.1	63.1	64.7	63.4

Source: [Tourist Accommodation, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8635.0)**ROOM AND BED OCCUPANCY RATE(a)**



(a) Hotels, Motels and Guest Houses and Serviced Apartments with 15 or more rooms.

Source: Tourist accommodation, Australia (cat. no. 8635.0)



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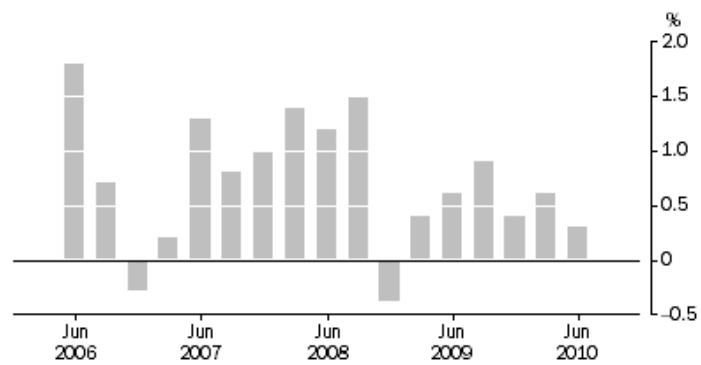
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	Sep Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010	Jun Qtr 2010
	%	%	%	%
All groups				
Canberra				
Change from previous quarter	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.3
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year	1.4	2.3	2.6	2.3
Weighted average of 8 capital cities				
Change from previous quarter	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.6
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year	1.3	2.1	2.9	3.1

Source: [Consumer Price Index, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6401.0).

ALL GROUPS, Quarterly change - Canberra



Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

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STATE/DOMESTIC FINAL DEMAND^(a), Chain volume measures^(b): Trend

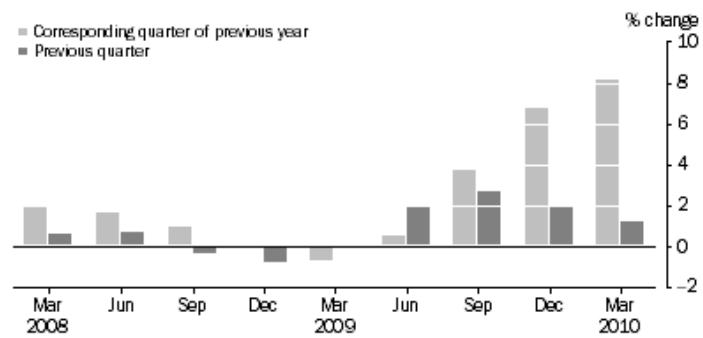
		Jun Qtr 2009	Sep Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010
Australian Capital Territory					
State final demand	\$m	10 297	10 577	10 790	10 921
Change from previous quarter	%	1.9	2.7	2.0	1.2
Australia					
Domestic final demand	\$m	307 027	310 700	314 796	318 713
Change from previous quarter	%	0.5	1.2	1.3	1.2

(a) State final demand (SFD) for states/territories is conceptually equivalent to domestic final demand (DFD) for Australia.

(b) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2007-08.

Source: Australian [National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product](#) (cat. no. 5206.0).

STATE FINAL DEMAND, Chain Volume Measures(a) - Australian Capital Territory: Trend



(a) reference year for chain volume measures is 2007-08

Source: Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0).

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LABOUR FORCE

LABOUR FORCE STATUS^(a): Trend

		April 2010	May 2010	June 2010
Australian Capital Territory				
Employed				
Total persons	'000	200.4	200.7	200.9
Change from previous month	'000	0.5	0.3	0.2
Change from previous year	%	3.1	3.6	3.9
Unemployed				
Total persons	'000	7.0	6.9	6.8
Change from previous month	'000	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Change from previous year	%	8.2	0.2	-5.2
Australia				
Employed				
Total persons	'000	11 032.4	11 057.3	11 077.6
Change from previous month	'000	26.8	24.9	20.4

Change from previous year	%	2.4	2.6	2.8
Unemployed				
Total persons	'000	610.0	606.3	603.4
Change from previous month	'000	-4.0	-3.7	-2.9
Change from previous year	%	-4.8	-7.2	-8.6

(a) Persons aged 15 years and over.

Source: [Labour Force, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6202.0).

LABOUR FORCE STATUS^(a): Trend

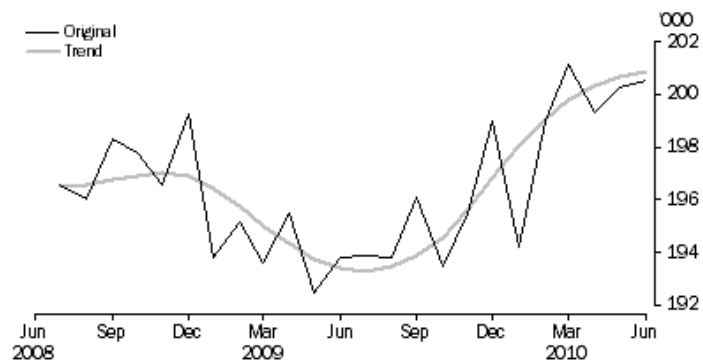
		April 2010	May 2010	June 2010
Australian Capital Territory				
Participation rate				
Rate	%	73.2	73.1	73.1
Change from previous month	% pts	-	-0.1	-0.1
Change from previous year	% pts	1.1	1.2	1.2
Unemployment rate				
Rate	%	3.4	3.3	3.3
Change from previous month	% pts	-0.1	-0.1	-
Change from previous year	% pts	0.2	-0.1	-0.3
Australia				
Participation rate				
Rate	%	65.2	65.1	65.1
Change from previous month	% pts	-	-	-
Change from previous year	% pts	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Unemployment rate				
Rate	%	5.2	5.2	5.2
Change from previous month	% pts	-	-	-
Change from previous year	% pts	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6

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(a) Persons aged 15 years and over.

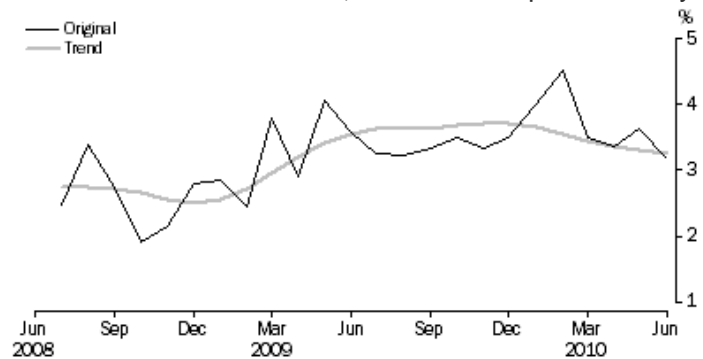
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EMPLOYED PERSONS, Australian Capital Territory



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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, Australian Capital Territory



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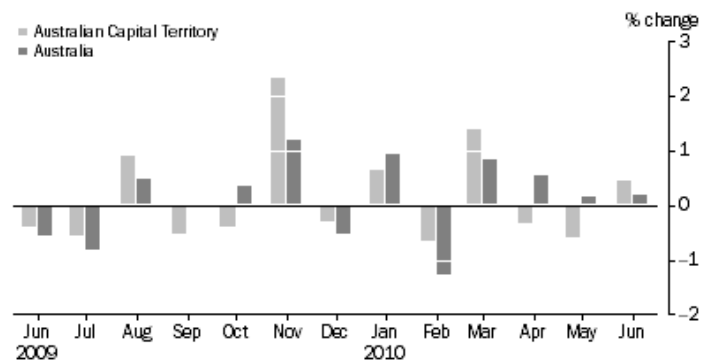
RETAIL TRADE

RETAIL TURNOVER: Seasonally adjusted

		April 2010	May 2010	June 2010
Australian Capital Territory				
Turnover	\$m	379.5	377.1	378.8
Change from previous month	%	-0.4	-0.6	0.5
Australia				
Turnover	\$m	20 113.6	20 145.6	20 184.0
Change from previous month	%	0.6	0.2	0.2

Source: [Retail Trade, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8501.0).

RETAIL TURNOVER, Seasonally adjusted



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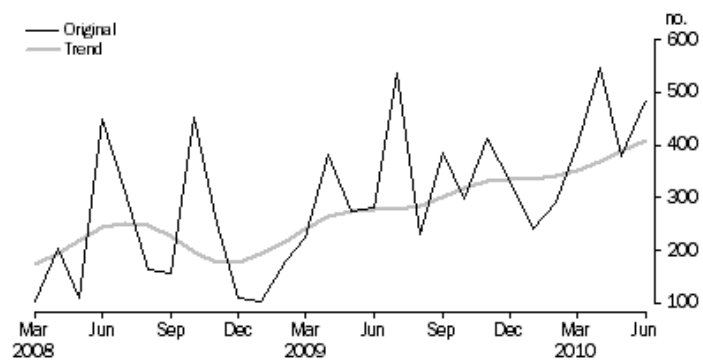
BUILDING APPROVALS

BUILDING APPROVALS: Trend

		April 2010	May 2010	June 2010
Australian Capital Territory				
Dwelling Units	no.	369	388	410
Change from previous month	%	5.0	5.0	5.7
Australia				
Dwelling Units	no.	14 611	14 232	13 845
Change from previous month	%	-2.1	-2.6	-2.7

Source: [Building Approvals, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8731.0).

DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Australian Capital Territory



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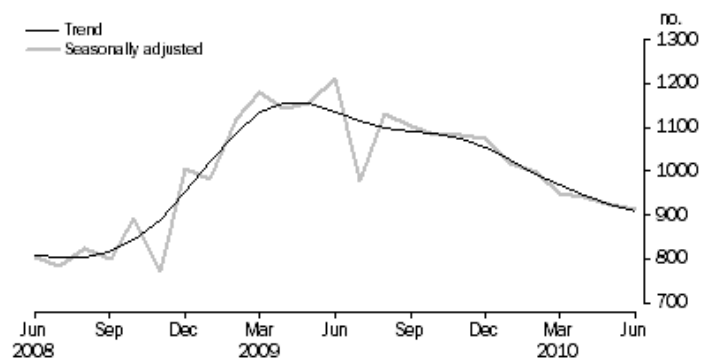
HOUSING FINANCE

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION, Total new housing commitments: Trend

		April 2010	May 2010	June 2010
Australian Capital Territory				
Number of Commitments	no.	945	925	910
Value of Commitments	\$m	252	245	240
Australia				
Number of Commitments	no.	47 433	46 795	46 436
Value of Commitments	\$m	13 468	13 301	13 214

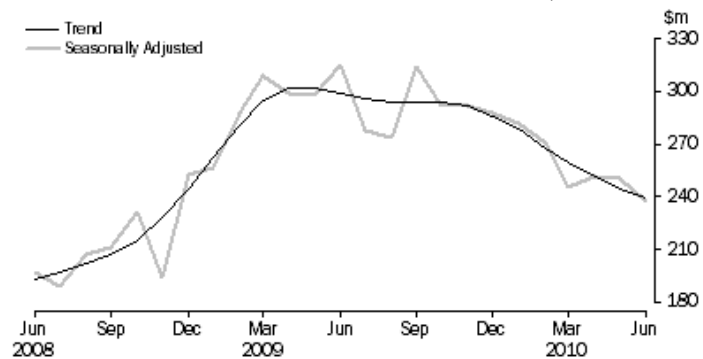
Source: [Housing Finance, Australia](#) (cat.no. 5609.0).

ACT DWELLING COMMITMENTS, Owner occupied housing



Source: Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0).

ACT VALUE OF DWELLING COMMITMENTS, Total dwellings



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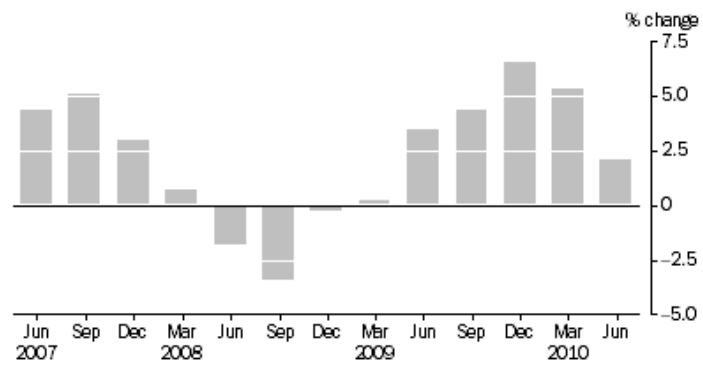
	Sep Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010	Jun Qtr 2010
	%	%	%	%
Canberra				
Change from previous quarter	4.4	r6.6	p5.3	p2.1
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year	7.8	r15.3	p21.2	p19.6
Weighted average of 8 capital cities				
Change from previous quarter	4.4	r5.5	p4.2	p3.1
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year	6.6	r13.9	p19.7	p18.4

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Source: [House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities](#) (cat. no. 6416.0).

House Price Index, Canberra



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COMMENTARY ON KEY INDICATORS

[Population](#)

- The preliminary ERP of ACT at 30 December 2009 was 354,892 persons, an increase of 6,386 persons (+1.8%) since 30 December 2008.
- Of this increase, natural increase accounted for 3,210 persons (50.3%) and net overseas migration for 3,775 persons (59.1%), while negative net interstate migration was recorded with a loss of 599 persons (-9.4%).
- Natural increase comprised 4,858 births and 1,648 deaths, net overseas migration comprised 8,648 arrivals and 4,873 departures and net interstate migration comprised 17,633 arrivals and 18,232 departures.

[Tourism](#)

- In the March quarter 2010, accommodation takings for ACT hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms increased by 12.0% to \$60.8 million, compared to the previous quarter.
- The March quarter 2010 room occupancy rate of 80.2 for ACT hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms was 8.5 percentage points higher than the previous quarter.
- For ACT hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms, the average takings per

room night occupied in the March quarter 2010 increased to \$170 from the previous quarter's takings of \$163.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

- The All Groups CPI for Canberra rose 0.3% in the June quarter 2010, compared to a rise of 0.6% in the previous quarter.
- Over the year to June 2010, the All Groups CPI for Canberra rose 2.3%, compared to an annual rise of 2.1% to June 2009.
- The most significant price rises for Canberra in the June quarter 2010 were for Tobacco (+15.9%), Hospital and medical services (+3.4%), House purchases (+1.2%), Rents (+0.9%) and Furniture (+3.6%). The most significant offsetting price falls were for Vegetables (-7.2%), Motor Vehicles (-1.8%), Women's outerwear (-6.8%), Fruit (-6.9%) and Domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-2.2%).

National accounts

- State final demand for the ACT increased by 1.2% (trend terms) between the December quarter 2009 and the March quarter 2010 - the fourth quarterly increase in a row. Growth this quarter was driven by Public gross fixed capital formation (+2.9%), General government final consumption expenditure (+1.7%) and Household final consumption expenditure (+1.1%). Offsetting the growth was Private gross fixed capital formation declining 2.6%.
- Over the year to the December quarter 2009, state final demand for the ACT increased by 8.1% (trend terms), mainly due to a rise in General government (\$341m).

Labour Force

- The trend estimate of employed persons in ACT increased by 200 to 200,900 from May 2010 to June 2010. Full-time employed persons increased by 500 to 149,400 and part-time employment decreased by 300 to 51,500.
- From June 2009 to June 2010, the trend estimate of employed persons for ACT increased by 7,500 with full-time employed persons increasing by 3,600 and part-time employed persons increasing by 3,900.
- The trend estimate of unemployed persons in ACT decreased by 100 to 6,800 from May 2010 to June 2010 and by 400 from June 2009 to June 2010.
- The trend unemployment rate for ACT remained steady at 3.3% from May to June 2010 to March 2010 and increased by 0.3 of a percentage point from June 2009 to June 2010. From May 2010 to June 2010, the male unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 of a percentage point to 3.5% while the female unemployment rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 3.0%.
- The trend participation rate for the ACT remained steady at 73.1% from May 2010 to June 2010.

The male participation rate decreased by 0.3 of a percentage point to 76.5% and the female participation rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 69.8%.

Retail Trade

- In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail turnover in the ACT increased by 0.5% from May 2010 (\$377m) to June 2010 (\$379m). Nationally, there was an increase of 0.2% over the same period.
- Household goods retailing (+5.0%) and Department stores (+1.3%) increased in June 2010, while Other retailing (-1.4%), Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services (-1.1%) were the largest decreases.

Building Approvals

- The trend estimate for the number of dwelling units approved in the ACT was 410 in June 2010, an increase of 5.7% from the previous month.
- Over the year to June 2010, there were 4,047 dwelling units approved in the ACT, an increase of 47.5% over that for the year to June 2009 (2,743).

Housing Finance

- In trend terms, the value of owner occupied housing finance commitments (excluding alterations and additions) in the ACT decreased by 2.0% from May 2010 (\$245m) to June 2010 (\$240m).
- The number of commitments for owner occupied housing finance in the ACT decreased by 1.6% from May 2010 (925) to June 2010 (910), in trend terms.
- In trend terms over the year to June 2010, there were 12,295 owner occupied housing finance commitments in the ACT, an increase of 4.2% over that for the year to June 2009 (11,799).
- In original terms, the number of commitments for owner occupied housing finance in the ACT for June 2010 was 969. Of this, 11.0% related to the construction of dwellings, 5.7% to the purchase of new dwellings and 83.3% to the purchase of established dwellings (including refinancing).

House Price Index

- Preliminary estimates show the price index for established houses in Canberra increased by 2.1% in the June quarter 2010 and 19.6% over the year to June quarter 2010.
- The Canberra project home price index increased 1.4% in the June quarter 2010 and 2.8% over the year to June quarter 2010.

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Age groups

EMPLOYED PERSONS^(a), By Age

Age group (years)	May 2005				May 2009				May 2010			
	Full time		Part time		Full time		Part time		Full time		Part time	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Australian Capital Territory												
15 - 24	19.2	14.3	16.9	35.8	21.0	14.3	15.2	31.3	18.3	12.4	17.1	34.4
25 - 34	34.8	25.9	7.7	16.3	39.4	26.8	7.8	15.9	41.0	27.9	7.0	14.0
35 - 44	32.5	24.2	8.5	18.0	34.3	23.3	9.1	18.6	33.6	22.9	9.1	18.4
45 - 54	33.0	24.6	7.5	15.8	33.4	22.7	8.5	17.4	33.4	22.7	7.0	14.2
55 - 64	13.9	10.3	5.4	11.5	17.4	11.8	6.4	13.1	18.7	12.7	6.6	13.4
65 and over	1.0	0.7	1.2	2.6	1.6	1.1	1.8	3.6	2.1	1.4	2.7	5.5
Total	134.4	100.0	47.2	100.0	147.3	100.0	48.7	100.0	147.0	100.0	49.6	100.0
Australia												
15 - 24	955.1	13.6	793.0	28.6	1 021.8	13.3	853.5	27.6	960.1	12.6	885.7	27.2
25 - 34	1 773.3	25.3	448.3	16.2	1 900.1	24.7	453.8	14.7	1 887.3	24.7	484.8	14.9
35 - 44	1 753.8	25.0	590.4	21.3	1 846.7	24.0	641.6	20.7	1 819.3	23.8	659.2	20.3
45 - 54	1 664.9	23.7	516.7	18.6	1 819.2	23.6	568.6	18.4	1 813.9	23.7	601.1	18.5
55 - 64	789.2	11.2	333.6	12.0	986.8	12.8	432.3	14.0	1 025.2	13.4	461.4	14.2
65 and over	85.5	1.2	93.4	3.4	125.9	1.6	145.1	4.7	139.8	1.8	161.5	5.0
Total	7 021.7	100.0	2 775.4	100.0	7 700.5	100.0	3 094.9	100.0	7 645.5	100.0	3 253.7	100.0

(a) Annual averages.

Source: [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery](#) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

Employed full time

The average number of Australian Capital Territory (ACT) usual residents employed full time in the 12 months ending May 2010 was 147,000, similar to the previous year (147,300), and up 9.4% (+12,600) from May 2005 (134,400). The average number of people employed full time in Australia in the 12 months ending May 2010 was 7.6 million, down 0.7% (-55,000) from the year to May 2009 (7.7 million) and up 8.9% (623,800) from the 12 months ending May 2005 (7 million).

From the 12 months ending May 2005 to the 12 months ending May 2010 the number of full time employed persons in the 65 years and over age group in the ACT experienced the strongest growth of all age groups up 1,100 (+110%). Nationally, the 65 years and over age group experienced the strongest growth in the number of employed persons with an increase of 54,300 (+63.5%).

Employed part time

The average number of ACT usual residents employed part time in the 12 months ending May 2010 was 49,600, up 1.8% from the previous year (48,700). Nationally, the average number of people employed part time in the 12 months ending May 2010 was 3.2 million, up 5% (+158,800) from 2009 (3.1 million).

The proportion of people employed part time, aged 15-24 years, has consistently been higher than any other age group in the ACT and nationally. However, the proportion in the ACT has declined from 35.8% in 2005 to 34.4% in 2010, while nationally the decline was from 28.6% in 2005 to 27.2% in 2010.

Occupation

EMPLOYED PERSONS^(a), By Occupation - Australian Capital Territory

Occupation major group(b)	May 2005		May 2010	
	'000	%	'000	%
Managers	26.1	14.4	28.1	14.3
Professionals	50.0	27.5	65.3	33.1
Technicians and Trades Workers	20.7	11.4	20.5	10.4
Community and Personal Service Workers	17.6	9.7	18.2	9.2
Clerical and Administrative Workers	36.3	20.0	36.3	18.4
Sales Workers	15.9	8.7	14.6	7.4
Machinery Operators And Drivers	4.5	2.5	4.3	2.2
Labourers	10.6	5.8	9.9	5.0
Total	181.7	100.0	197.1	100.0

(a) Annual average of quarterly data.

(b) Classified according to the [Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupation \(ANZSCO\)](#), First Edition, 2006.

Source: [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly](#) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003)

Based on occupation by major group, Professionals made up the largest proportion of employed persons in the ACT for the May 2010 quarter (33.1%). The group with the largest increase over the five years (2005 to 2010) was Professionals, with 15,300 more people employed in the May 2010 quarter than in 2005. The group experiencing the largest decrease was Sales Workers, falling 1,300 persons from the quarter ending May 2005 to 2010.

Industry

EMPLOYED PERSONS^(a), By Industry - Australian Capital Territory

Industry division ^(b)	May 2005		May 2010	
	'000	%	'000	%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.5
Mining	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	4.3	2.4	3.7	1.9
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.5
Construction	11.3	6.2	12.6	6.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	1.6	3.2	1.6
Retail Trade	17.5	9.7	15.0	7.6
Accommodation and Food Services	11.4	6.3	10.7	5.4
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4.9	2.7	5.4	2.8
Information Media and Telecommunications	5.2	2.9	4.6	2.3
Financial and Insurance Services	3.7	2.0	3.7	1.9
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	3.3	1.8	2.2	1.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	17.2	9.4	21.4	10.8
Administrative and Support Services	6.0	3.3	4.8	2.4
Public Administration and Safety	47.8	26.3	58.5	29.7
Education and Training	15.7	8.6	19.4	9.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	17.2	9.5	17.3	8.8
Arts and Recreation Services	3.8	2.1	5.1	2.6
Other Services	7.3	4.0	7.5	3.8
Total	181.7	100.0	197.1	100.0

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(a) Annual average of quarterly data.

(b) Classified according to the [Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification \(ANZSIC\)](#), 2006 (cat. no. 1292.0).

Source: [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly](#) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

Based on employment by industry division, the largest employer in the ACT for the 12 months ending May quarter 2010 was Public Administration and Safety (58,500). This was also the industry with the largest increase in employed persons between the quarter ending May 2005 and quarter ending May 2010 (10,700 persons).

Usual hours

EMPLOYED PERSONS^(a), By Usual hours worked

	May 2010			
	Full time		Part time	
	'000	%	'000	%
Australian Capital Territory				
0 hours	-	-	-	-
1-15 hours	0.3	0.2	20.1	40.6
16-29 hours	0.9	0.6	20.5	41.3
30-34 hours	1.2	0.8	8.7	17.6
35-39 hours	56.4	38.4	-	-
40 hours	39.3	26.7	-	-
41-44 hours	6.9	4.7	-	-
45-49 hours	15.7	10.7	-	-
50-59 hours	17.3	11.8	-	-
60 or more hours	9.0	6.1	-	-
Total	147.0	100.0	49.6	100.0
Australia				
0 hours	3.1	-	23.2	0.7
1-15 hours	12.7	0.2	1 248.7	38.4
16-29 hours	49.9	0.7	1 390.2	42.7
30-34 hours	79.1	1.0	591.6	18.2
35-39 hours	2 354.5	30.8	-	-
40 hours	2 293.0	30.0	-	-
41-44 hours	324.8	4.2	-	-
45-49 hours	800.8	10.5	-	-
50-59 hours	986.6	12.9	-	-
60 or more hours	741.0	9.7	-	-
Total	7 645.5	100.0	3 253.7	100.0

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(a) Annual average monthly data.

Source: [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery](#) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

Usual hours worked by employed persons, on average, during the 12 months ending May 2010 differed

between the ACT and Australia. A smaller proportion of full-time workers in the ACT worked 41 hours or more per week (33.3%) compared with Australia (37.3%). However, a larger proportion of ACT full-time employed (65.1%) worked between 35-40 hours than the national average (60.8%). In the 12 months ending May 2010 the most common hours usually worked by people employed part time in the ACT and Australia were 16-29 hours per week (ACT 41.3%, Australia 42.7%).

Average weekly earnings

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: Trend

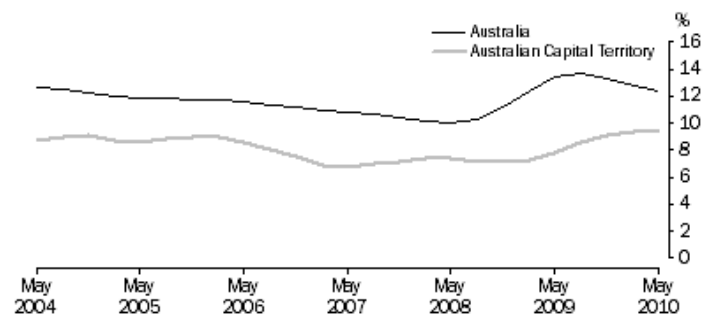
		February 2009	February 2010
Australian Capital Territory			
Earnings	\$	1 089.8	1 168.6
Change from previous quarter	%	1.3	2.5
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year	%	6.9	7.2
Australia			
Earnings	\$	916.3	969.4
Change from previous quarter	%	0.8	1.6
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year	%	3.9	5.8

Source: [Average Weekly Earning, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6302.0)

In trend terms, Average Weekly Earnings (AWE) of \$1,169 for the ACT in February 2010 were \$200 higher than the national average of \$969. AWE increased 7.2% between February 2009 and February 2010 for the ACT (from \$1,090 to \$1,169) and 5.8% for Australia (from \$916 to \$969).

Underutilisation rate

LABOUR FORCE UNDERUTILISATION RATE, Trend



(a) The labour underutilisation rate is the unemployed plus the underemployed as a percentage of the labour force for persons aged 15 years and over.

Source: Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0).

In trend terms, the labour force underutilisation rate for Australia generally fell between May 2004 and May 2008 to a low of 10.0% and has since risen to 12.3% in May 2010. Over the same period, the labour force underutilisation rate for ACT has increased by only 0.7 percentage points (8.7% in the May quarter 2004 to 9.4% in the May quarter 2010).

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a widely used economic indicator, that provides a general measure of changes in prices of consumer goods and services purchased by Australian households. Prices are measured in each of the eight state and territory capital cities. The CPI 'basket' is split into 11 major groups:

- Food
- Alcohol and tobacco
- Clothing and footwear
- Housing
- Household contents and services
- Health
- Transportation
- Communication
- Recreation
- Education
- Financial and insurance services.

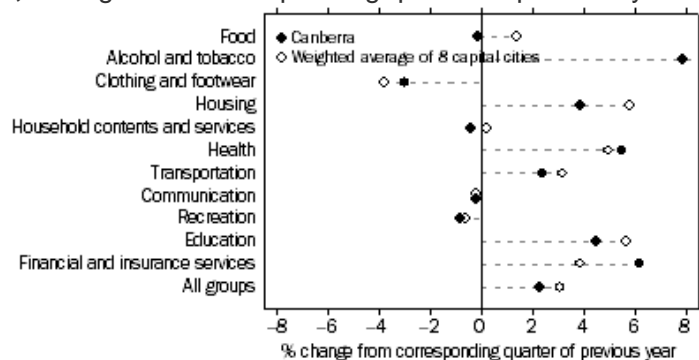
These groups contain the 90 expenditure classes, which in turn contain a selection of the individual items which are priced each quarter.

Further information about the CPI is contained in [Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods](#), 2005 (cat. no. 6461.0).

Change from previous year

In the year to June 2010, the All Groups Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 2.3% for Canberra and 3.1% nationally (weighted average of the eight capital cities). The most significant price rise occurred in Alcohol and tobacco, up 7.9% in Canberra and 8.7% nationally. The most significant fall occurred for Clothing and footwear, down 3.0% in Canberra and 3.8% nationally.

CPI GROUPS, Change from corresponding quarter of previous year - Jun Qtr 2010

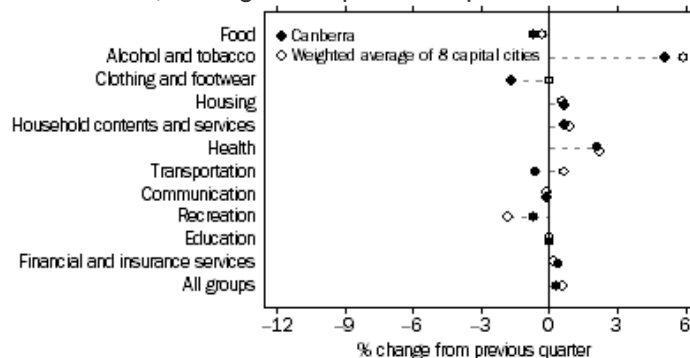


Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

Change from previous quarter

In the June quarter 2010 the All Groups CPI rose by 0.3% for Canberra, and 0.6% nationally (weighted average of eight capital cities). The most significant price rise occurred in Alcohol and tobacco, up 5.1% in Canberra and 5.9% nationally. The most significant fall occurred for Food, down 0.7% in Canberra and Recreation, down 1.8% nationally.

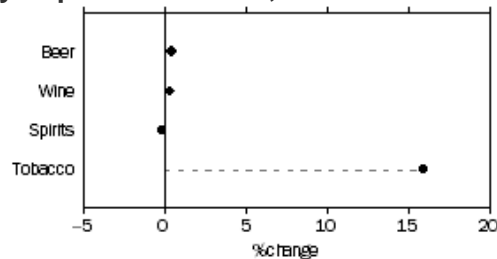
CPI GROUPS, Change from previous quarter - Jun Qtr 2010



Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

The largest contributor to the increase of 0.3% in the CPI for Canberra in June quarter 2010 was Alcohol and tobacco (+5.1%). Within the Alcohol and tobacco group, the key driver of the increase was the price for Tobacco, which rose by 15.9% in the quarter.

Consumer Price Index by Expenditure Class, Canberra - Alcohol and tobacco - Jun Qtr 10



Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0)

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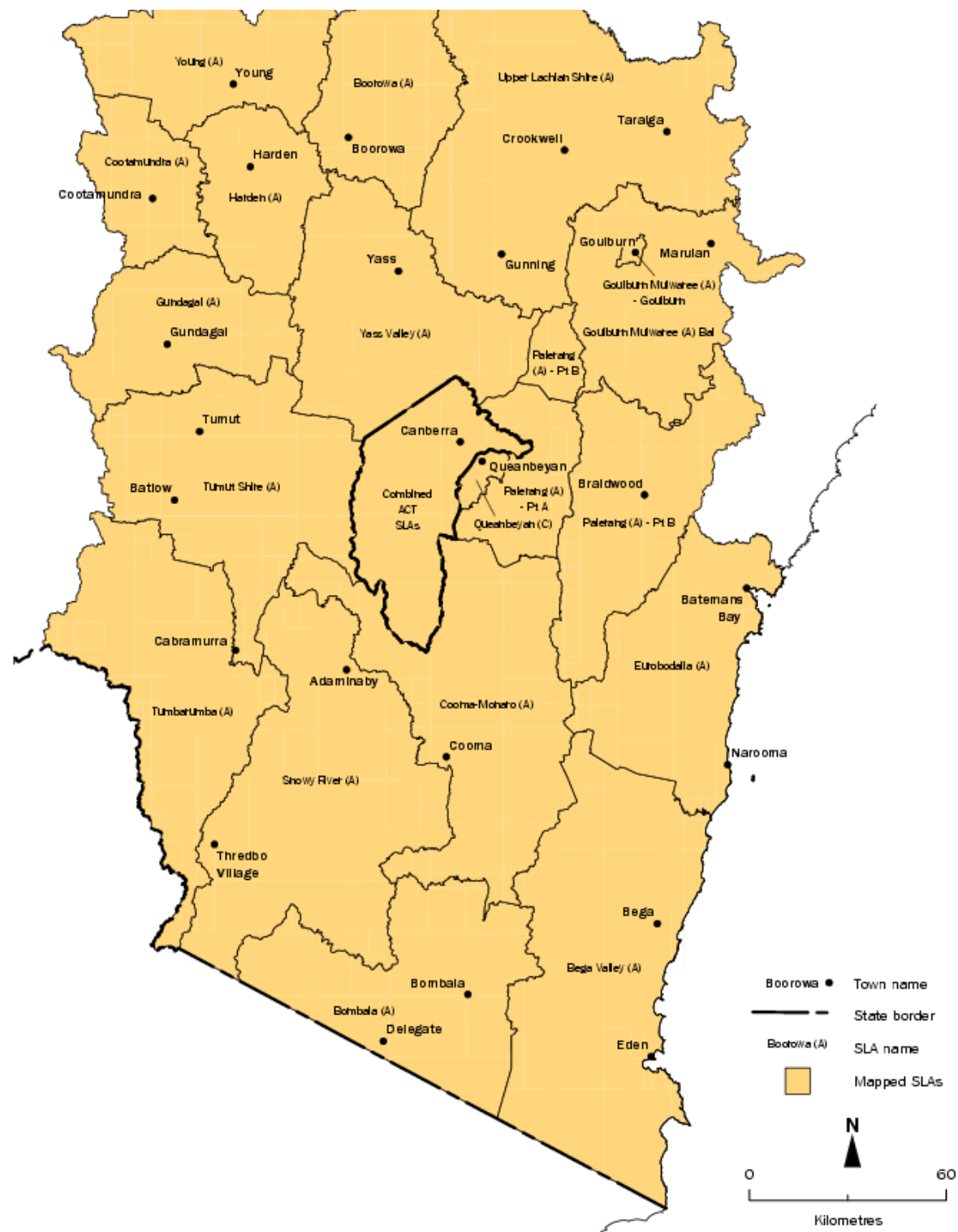
Introduction

The Australian Capital Region (ACR) comprises the ACT and the 17 surrounding Local Government Areas. State, territory, and local representatives from these areas meet regularly to discuss common issues through the Regional Leaders Forum (RLF).

Map of the Region

Statistical Local Areas





Population

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION^(a), Australian Capital Region - by Statistical Local Area

	2009 persons		2009 persons
Australian Capital Territory			
			persons
Acton	p1 963	Rivett	p3 231
Ainslie	p5 320	Stirling	p2 095
Braddon	p4 134	Stromlo	p73
Campbell	p3 332	Waramanga	p2 619
City	p1 244	Weston	p3 296
Dickson	p2 157	Weston Creek-Stromlo - SSD Bal	p21
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Duntroon	p1 647	Bonython	p3 728
Hackett	p3 008	Calwell	p6 094
Kowen	p48	Chisholm	p5 462
Lyneham	p4 871	Conder	p5 448
Majura	p124	Fadden	p3 232
O'Connor	p5 445	Gilmore	p2 930
Reid	p1 639	Gordon	p8 037
Russell	p -	Gowrie	p3 247
Turner	p3 545	Greenway	p1 333
Watson	p4 777	Isabella Plains	p4 371
Aranda	p2 511	Kambah	p15 883
Belconnen Town Centre	p3 517	Macarthur	p1 553
Belconnen - SSD Bal	p42	Monash	p5 565
Bruce	p4 919	Oxley	p1 909
Charnwood	p3 193	Richardson	p3 331
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Dunlop	p6 859	Tuggeranong - SSD Bal	p65
Evatt	p5 578	Wanniassa	p8 139
Florey	p5 363	Barton	p1 138

Flynn	p3 696
Fraser	p2 223
Giralang	p3 425
Hawker	p2 991
Higgins	p3 197
Holt	p4 994
Kaleen	p7 801
Latham	p3 822
McKellar	p2 997
Macgregor	p3 867
Macquarie	p2 615
Melba	p3 439
Page	p2 837
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Spence	p2 764
Weetangera	p2 687
Chifley	p2 444
Curtin	p5 352
Farrer	p3 539
Garran	p3 317
Hughes	p2 991
Isaacs	p2 536
Lyons	p2 608
Mawson	p3 056
O'Malley	p909
Pearce	p2 642
Phillip	p2 070
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Fisher	p3 208
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Goulburn Mulwaree (A) Bal	p6 604

Deakin	p2 780
Forrest	p1 428
Fyshwick	p57
Griffith	p4 342
Harman	p93
Hume	p4
Jerrabomberra	p13
Kingston	p2 902
Narrabundah	p5 898
Oaks Estate	p252
Parkes	p6
Pialligo	p119
Red Hill	p3 371
Symonston	p511
Yarralumla	p3 097
Amaroo	p6 984
Bonner	p -
Casey	p -
Crace	p -
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(a) The dataset contains estimates of the resident population of Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) as at 30 June 2009. Estimates for 2009 are preliminary, based on the results of the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. SLAs are based on the Australian Standard Geographical Classification 2009 Edition for all years. Further information about the estimates should be obtained from the Explanatory Notes of [Regional Population Growth, Australia](#) (cat. no. 3218.0).

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